



When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down to these people and prayed that they might receive the Holy Spirit. It had not as yet come down upon any of them since they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus.

The pair upon arriving imposed hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

— Acts 8:14-17

Laying his hand upon the person to be confirmed, the Bishop empowers and deposes him as a defender of faith. He gives him a nom de guerra, a battle name, and designates him as a soldier in the Army of Christ, his enrollment as a Christian warrior being confirmed by the sign of Christ upon his forehead.

Through these seventy five years, records of Immaculate Conception Parish show these souls were confirmed as soldiers in the Army of Christ.

1920-1923	438
1927-1933	702
1938-1943	394
1950	357
1954-1962	153
1964-1973	910
1975-1982	450
1984-1989	206



When he breathed on them and said:  
"Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound."

— John 20:22,23

"I absolve thee of thy sins, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." How many times have each of us heard this and upon leaving have had a feeling of being healed. God in his infinite wisdom, knowing our weakness, understood us perfectly and thus gave us the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance.

Immaculate Conception Parish has no accurate account or record of how many penitent souls have passed through our church, however, even an "estimate" would have to run into millions during these seventy five years.

The priests of Immaculate Conception Parish have always been most generous in spending as much time as is needed in the confessionals and are always available when needed or asked.

The number of times penitents have begged and tasted God's mercy and forgiveness is known only to God and the penitent soul.

GOD'S BLESSINGS ON OUR  
PARISH IN ITS DIAMOND JUBILEE YEAR  
ANTANAS AND GERTRUDE MARTINKUS



Is there anyone sick among you?

He should ask for the presbuters of the church. They in turn are to pray over him, anointing him with oil in the Name of the Lord.

— James 5:14

Anointing of the Sick, or Extreme Unction as it was called, is the sacrament which, through the anointing with blessed oil by the priest and through his prayer, gives health and strength to the soul and sometimes the body when one is in danger of death from sickness, accident or old age. The prescriptions of the Ritual for the administration of this sacrament make clear that the Church does not expect this sacrament to be delayed until the last moments before death.

Our priests have been called at all hours of day and night to bring God's graces to the sick. We cannot list the number of times the sacrament has been administered, but we feel a more meaningful statistic would be the number of burials from Immaculate Conception Parish during the past seventy five years.

1914-1923	426
1924-1933	541
1934-1943	522
1944-1953	684
1954-1963	892
1964-1973	1016
1974-1983	902
1984 to 2-21-89	490



To those now married, however, I give this command (though it is not mine; it is the Lord's): a wife must not separate from her husband.

If she does separate, she must either remain single or become reconciled to him again. Similarly, a husband must not divorce his wife.

— Cor. 7:10,11

The joining of hands is a token of amity, trust, concord.

The ring, as a circle, is a symbol of infinity and perfection, and thus retokens the unbroken continuity of concord and affection that is sought for in the marriage.

Through the seventy five years of Immaculate Conception Parish our records indicate the following number of couples who have pledged to one another for better or worse, for richer or poorer, in sickness and in health, until death. In the Sacrament of Marriage Christ has promised the life long support of His graces here on earth and eternal happiness with God in Heaven.

1914-1923 (15 at St. Anne)	268
1924-1933	395
1934-1943	528
1944-1953	457
1954-1963	395
1964-1973	487
1974-1983	422
1984-to 2/29/89	150

75th ANNIVERSARY GREETINGS TO OUR I.C. FAMILY  
CLARA LUBAWY  
AND  
CHESTER & MARGARET SOPRYCH